7011 know that this kingdom is not so short of men that some lewd ruffians ma/ not be found among them Forasmuch as this question toucheth my subjects I will appoint commis-sioners who shall confer with you and make report to me, and I will do all that in me lies to give satisfaction to the Republic ', which promise the Queen renewed at the departure of the ambassador, saying, [c] But I know not if I have spoken the Italian well, yet I think so, for I learnt it when a child and I believe that I have not forgotten it'

So the ambassador is given leave to depart There are appointed to treat with him the Lord Admiral, Mr Secretary and Sir Edward Wotton

izth February BEN JONSON

Ben Jonson the poet now lives upon one Townsend and scorns the world

i^tb February. A PURITAN CONDEMNED

This day Darling, out of whom Darrell formerly cast a devil and who is now a scholar of Oxford, being seat up with certain others, was convicted in the Star Chamber for some bold speeches uttered against some of the Lords of the Council He wrote a letter to a friend wherein he taxed the Lord Treasurer and the Secretary of Papistry, as also Sir John Fortescue, my Lord of Canterbury, and my Lord of London, saying that one of them made way for Papistry, that good laws were enacted against them but none executed, and a good proclamation lately set forth against priests, but it proved ridiculous, for that by my Lord of London especially, and others, they were still countenanced. Besides, he said, my Lady Buckhurst nursed Papistry in her lap, and that she heard Mass with my Lord Montacute in Salisbury Court All which speeches

he avowed with like boldness and impudency before all the Lords of the Council that they were not a little amazed to hear him He is censured to stand upon the pillory and to have one ear cut off in Cheapside and the other in Oxford. The Lord Chief Justice told him he had done amongst others great injury to my Lord of London, affirming of his own knowledge that not any man hath done greater service to the State than the Bishop, for, saith he, he hath put a disunion between the priests themselves , he